

Stodder

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Dear Bruce--

This could be a very short letter, to answer your main question:  
WITHOUT ANY HESITATION, COME HERE!

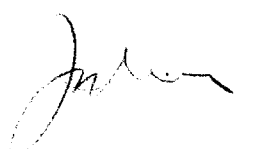
From your standpoint, I just don't think there are any snags at all. The teaching is not burdensome; I think you will enjoy (and do splendidly at) what is expected; the students are first-rate. I really can see no way at all in which you would not enjoy and flourish in the position. And you have enough advance information to be able to judge the situation without indecision; I can't think of any lurks under the surface. The people in the department are fine human beings; they recognize themselves the need for some modernization in their outlook, and by the very token of asking you to come would show their good faith in moving ahead. There is every basis of excellent communication across the departments, and also over into infectious diseases and internal medicine. (Hal Simon is leaving and there is a possibly interesting opening there too.)

Of course I have been aware of (and encouraging) Med. Microbiol.'s interest in the chance of your coming, but felt it would be out of place for me to say anything more explicit about it until they had made up their own minds. I don't know how concrete a conclusion they have come to.

Personally we would be overjoyed. If there is anything more concrete that I could find out, or settle, or tell you that might help you make up your mind do let me know. I am only afraid from the tone of your letter that you may be suspicious that the whole setup is too good to be true, but I think it is good and I know of no reason not to judge it at face value. It is an excellent opportunity, and I think you would fit into it, hand-in-glove. So don't waste any more energy worrying about what you would do; try to work out how you can set it up.

Esther echoes this.

As ever,



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